problem, offered Pakistan a 'no war' pact with India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government of India with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Soviet Government have made no such offer.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cadre review of IFS (B)

780. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since the formation of Indian Foreign Service (A) Cadre Review of the service have been undertaken several times;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in 1981 an assurance was given to Parliament that no further Cadre Review of the said service will be undertaken without the Cadre Review of IFS(B), but despite this Cadre Review of IFS(A) has been undertaken thrice in 1981, 1983 and 1986;

(c) whether he is aware that whereas in IFS(A) a large number of posts have been created over the years no such steps have been taken to improve the service conditions of IFS(B) service; and

(d) if so, how many posts have been created in IFS(A) since its formation and what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the promotional avenues of IFS(B) service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Since the formation of the Indian Foreign Service, there have been three Cadre Reviews of the Services, *viz.* in 1976, 1981 and 1983.

(b) No such assurance was given. Proposals for Cadre Review both of IFS and of IFS(B) were initiated in 1986.

(c) and (d) At the time of the initial constitution of the IFS it comprised 315 posts. Its present sanctioned strength is 612. In view of the considerable increase in the number of Missions abroad over the last forty years, the increase in posts in the IFS has been much less than the functional requirement. The Service continues to face a serious problem of stagnation. The draft IFS(B) Cadre Review proposals that have been prepared seek to rationalise the structure and improve service conditions especially of those sub-cadres of the IFS(B) which face problems of stagnation.

Foreign allowance of attaches/registrars

781. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign allowance of Attaches/Registrars posted in most of the Indian Missions abroad is less than that of their immediate subordinates like Clerks/Assistants/Staff Car Drivers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the foreign allowance of Third Secretaries/Language Trainees in the Missions abroad is much higher than those of Attaches/Registrars though they perform the same duties, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether several representations by the affected employees have been made in the past in this regard